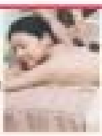


From the pool halls to fashion malls to boxing rings, the scent of success is in the air. Go, Filipino!

The complete spa experience that knocks on your door soothes with music, candles and all.



Looking for a happy ending: Jericho Rosales and Heart Evangelista are standing by each other amid the usual whirl of show biz talk, anchored on their real-life intimacy.



Bush blames paunch on Pinay chef's cooking

By Philip C. Tubeza



HANOI—THE MORE President George W. Bush loses the battle of the bulge, the better the relations between the United States and the Philippines.

BUSH BLAMES / A4

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Libre: First free daily marks 5th anniversary

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

LIBRE, THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER'S FREE newspaper, and the country's first, will continue to prevail in the tabloid market, despite technological advances in the delivery of news via the Internet and broadcast media.

This is because the readers of Libre belong to a different demographic—between 25 to 35

LIBRE / A4

Pacquiao heavily favored

Vegas bookmakers give odds to Filipino over Morales



TALE OF THE TAPE

MORALES		PACQUIAO
30	Age	27
129	Weight (lbs)	129
5'8"	Height	5'6"
72"	Reach	67"
48	Wins	42
4	Losses	3
0	Draws	2
34	Knockouts	32
15	Neck	16
38	Chest (N)	38
40	Chest (E)	41
12	Biceps	13
11 ½	Forearm	12
7 ½	Wrist	6
9	Fist	10
28	Waist	29

By Francis Ochoa

LAS VEGAS—EACH ONE HAD HIS VICTORY IN this compelling super featherweight rivalry which now has reached its final chapter. They've had their share of bright moments in this desert oasis, enough to rival the multicolored glow that lights up the evening sky here.

And yet, everything will boil down to this, the climax of the storied trilogy.

"Sumakses na (it's time to box)," said Manny Pacquiao Friday night, on the eve of his grudge match against Mexican Erik Morales at the Thomas and Mack Center on the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus. "Pero maghintay lang tayo ng mga kaaway (...) find out if what he's been saying is true)."

"This is it. This is what we've been waiting for," declared Pacquiao, who has been installed by knowledgeable bookmakers as the overwhelming favorite. A bet of $260 for the Filipino wins only $100 while a $100 wager on Morales will bring in $220. That's better than 2 to 1 odds.

They will be fighting for Pacquiao's World Boxing Council International super featherweight (130-pound) title when they step into the ring at 6 p.m. Saturday (noon today in the Philippines). The title, which is normally disputed among fighters outside of the top 10 contenders, is a minor one in boxing. But the two are bigger than any title in their division.

For a boxing world that the two warriors has spoiled with a pair of gritty, heart-pounding matches crammed with action from start to finish, the rivalry will be defined by the outcome of this match, which has been fought outside the ring as much as it will

PACQUIAO / A18

Don't look now but elements of the PNP's Special Action Force, the elite group implicated in the alleged coup attempt last February and whose chief was relieved of his post, are guarding Gringo Honasan at Fort Sto. Domingo in Santa Rosa, Laguna.

NEWS/A2

Randy David: Nothing perhaps more bluntly shows the present government's authoritarian bent than the recent filing of rebellion charges vs ex-UP president Francisco Nemenzo.

OPINION/ A13

Extreme Makeover: Baguio to pattern Burnham Park after New York's Central Park in time for its 100th year in 2009.

ACROSS / A15



The Netherlands outlaws the wearing of head-to-toe Muslim veils and other face-concealers in public places.

WORLD / A23

'Journey of smiles' began here, now in 25 nations

By Volt Contreras

OPERATION SMILE, A GLOBAL MEDICAL mission dedicated to changing the lives of cleft-lipped children, marks its 25th anniversary next year with the Philippines in a stellar role.

It will launch its "World Journey of Smiles" on the morning of Nov. 8, 2007, the moment sunlight touches Philippine soil—the land where it all began.

"We will open [medical] mission sites here, and more sites will follow in the earth rotates and the sun reaches other countries," said Dr. William Magee, cofounder of the mission that has treated over 100,000 children born with cleft lips or palates worldwide.

Within 24 hours of the World Journey, Operation Smile volunteers numbering around 15,000 would have performed surgery on children thus afflicted at 40 mission sites in 25 countries, said the American plastic surgeon.

The Virginia-based Magee was in Manila last week to discuss the silver-year activities with OS-Philippines board members.

"In my past life I must have been a Filipino," Magee told the Inquirer on Thursday, in the course of recounting how his first time to treat Filipino cleft-lipped children in 1982 became a life-changing episode for him and his wife Kathleen, a nurse and social worker.

At that time, husband and wife were volunteers on another foreign medical mission that traveled to Naga City.

Magee recalled that at the end of the five-day project, "we felt guilty" that almost 300 indigent children were not treated for sheer lack of time.

And yet, he said, a mother came up to him with "a bunch of bananas" as her thank-you gift despite the fact that her child was among those still waiting in line, all of whom had to be turned

JOURNEY / A6

$8,000 RP evening bag lands Filipina designer in Vogue

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

A FILIPINO MODEL TURNED ENtrepreneur is being featured in Vogue, the bible of women's style and fashion, for her handcrafted bags that sell for as much as $8,000 a pop.

Tina Maristela-Ocampo's evening bags—under the label Celestina Maria in New York—are now sold in high-end boutiques in the United States, Hong Kong, London and Russia, and by next year, Germany, according to her husband Rizzo Ocampo. (Tina was in Hong Kong marketing Celestina—actually her first name—at the time of the interview.)

The December issue of Vogue, with Australian actress Nicole Kidman on the cover, carries a half-page feature on Tina and her bags.

(One of her bags is featured as well in W, another US magazine devoted to high fashion.)

Rizzo, himself an entrepreneur who has ventured into eyewear, clothes and restaurants, says Tina started selling the bags only in September, but already Barneys New York has placed a repeat order.

Celestina is displayed alongside such

$8,000 RP BAG / A6

APEC SUMMIT SIDELINES

GMA seeks bigger role for US in Mindanao

By Philip C. Tubeza

HANOI—SAVING MINDANAO COULD be the next theater in the global crusade to defeat terrorism, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday called for a "deeper and broader" role for the United States in the peace process and counterterror campaign on the island.

During a 10-minute "pull-aside" meeting on the sidelines of the 14th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit, Ms Arroyo and President George W. Bush talked about the situation in North Korea, a proposed RP-US free trade agreement and a more comprehensive US involvement in the efforts to bring peace to Mindanao.

"The President would like to invite a deeper and broader involvement (of the US) in the Mindanao peace process alongside our fight against terror," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a briefing. "This she said is an alliance that will benefit Asia and the whole world."

Ms Arroyo made the call after Bush assured leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) that his administration would not "retreat" from Southeast Asia.

Bunye gave no specifics on what a "deeper and broader" US involvement in Mindanao meant, only saying: "Just read between the lines."

"The US President said the US will not stop engagement in the Far East. It will not retreat and will be active in fora such as Apec," he said.

Ms Arroyo expressed satisfaction that the United States would remain engaged in Southeast Asia.

Bunye noted that United States was already actively involved in Mindanao, not just in training Filipino soldiers

GMA / A11



'PULL-ASIDE' ENCOUNTER IN HANOI

President Arroyo is just about ready for her 10-minute, one-on-one with President Bush during the Apec leaders dialogue on Saturday at the Vietnamese capital city. She also talks with the US president about a free trade pact.

Second FRONT PAGE

Unit guarding Gringo part of coup plot

STA. ROSA CITY—WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

On April 2, 1988, then cashiered colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan escaped, together with some of his Navy Seals captors, from a prison ship, the BRP Andres Bonifacio anchored off Manila Bay on which he was detained in December 1987 for his involvement in the August 1987 coup attempt against then President Corazon C. Aquino.

Standoff

IN THE KNOW

It's 'no deal' with Honasan, Palace insists



Palace exec says '07 polls fight between good, evil

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We're speaking, Nonong Cruz says of GMA

[illegible]



'Might as well form a dynasty'

[illegible]

US trade chamber gives RP top marks

Encouraging news

First in Manila

New rules to protect judges from nuisance plaints mulled

Mishandled funds

Augment benefits



BEARER OF GLAD TIDINGS

Cha-cha, 2007 polls definitely on administration mind–JDV

Elections as scheduled

Fallback position

Cha-cha-cha

Timetable

Six senators

Correction

Customs destroys food from China

Libre: First free daily marks 5th anniversary



ALL THE NEWS fit for reading on the train—that's Libre's content, the country's first, free daily newspaper.

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Mission

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Prayer on the run

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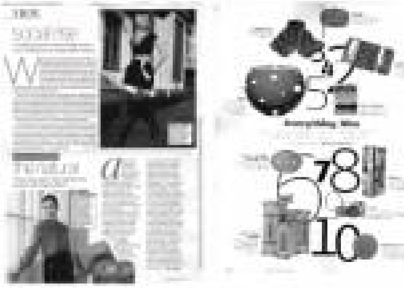
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'Journey of smiles' began here now in 25 nations

Perfect birthplace

'Movable life'

$8,000 RP evening bag lands Filipina designer in Vogue



DECEMBER VOGUE features Olivares in "Fashion Newsflash." At right, Celestina Mayeda (No. 9) is right up there with the heavy hitters.

Local talent, materials

Difficult entry

Accidental foray

Proud of her roots

Bush blames paunch on ...

Affable encounter

Not forgetful

'Bilingual policy to blame for poor English'



VILLAFUERTE

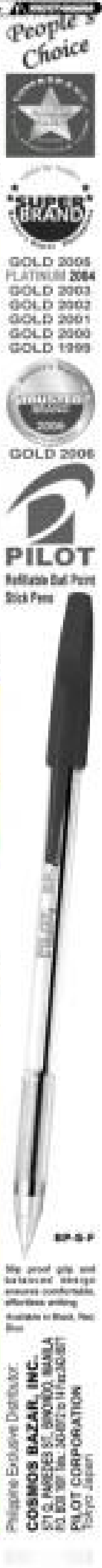
Improved job opportunities

Constant exposure and usage

Protect your OFW children, parents told

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Why can't I come home?

Nationwide protest caravan to converge on Asean meet

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Inquirer Mindanao

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GREETINGS FROM THE HOST: President Arroyo gets a warm welcome from Vietnam's President Nguyen Minh Triet upon her arrival at the International Convention Center in Hanoi for the opening of the two-day 14th Apec Leaders Summit on Saturday.



PHOTO OP WITH US President George W. Bush [illegible] Asean leaders pose with the leader of the world's most powerful [illegible] President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Bush, Vietnam President Nguyen Minh Triet, Philippine P[illegible]

Bush to Asean: More pressure on Burma

By Philip C. Tubeza

HANOI—US PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH yesterday urged the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) to add more pressure on Burma (Myanmar) to hasten its return to democracy, and on North Korea to return to the six-party talks on its nuclear program.

Bush raised the US concerns when he met with the leaders of the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei and Vietnam on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that Burma was mentioned in relation to the "road to normalcy" which Thailand had taken after a military coup.

"In effect, they agree with what is happening. There's a road to normalcy as far as the Thailand situation is concerned. (But) on Myanmar, this is something that's totally unacceptable. That's the word," Bunye said.

Foreign Undersecretary [illegible] said Bush welcomed the Asean statement calling for "the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula" and early resumption of the six-party talks.

[illegible] said Bush urged Asean to emphasize their call for a nuclear-free Korea, saying it would make Pyongyang realize that other countries in the region also wanted peace.

Apec seeks breakthrough in Doha talks

HANOI—ASIA-PACIFIC LEADERS WILL pledge to do their part to break the deadlock in global trade talks at the summit in Hanoi that is also likely to deliver a unified message to North Korea to end its nuclear ambitions.

"We are ready to break the current deadlock. Each of us is committed to move beyond our current positions in key areas of the (Doha) Round," according to a draft of a statement from the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) leaders.

That means opening up agriculture markets and cutting industrial tariffs, said the statement, expected to be issued on Saturday after a "leaders' retreat."

The Doha round of World Trade Organization (WTO) talks collapsed in July, mainly due to an impasse over farm subsidies among its key players—the European Union, India and Brazil and Apec members the United States, Australia and Japan.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard told executives attending a "CEO summit" held parallel to the government meetings on Saturday that prospects for Doha looked bleak but the leaders shouldn't give up.

"We should take the opportunity of this Apec gathering to reassert the importance of the Doha round and reassert our belief that achieving progress on the multilateral front is a goal for all of us," Howard said.

North Korea

Although Apec was formed in 1989 to focus on mutual trade and economic concerns, the meetings are regularly hijacked by security issues, such as the war on terrorism or North Korea, and this year looked to be no different.

All of the countries involved in six-party talks to end North Korea's nuclear programs are in Hanoi except for the North itself, and there was a flurry of one-on-one meetings among leaders of the five countries on Saturday to discuss the issue.

The need for talks, stalled since last year, became all the more pressing after North Korea conducted a nuclear test on Oct. 9, drawing worldwide condemnation and UN sanctions.

But the five parties have not always acted in tandem.

At a meeting with US President George W. Bush on Saturday, South Korea's President Roh Moo-hyun pledged to abide by the UN sanctions.

But he said his country would not join the Proliferation Security Initiative to intercept North Korean ships on the grounds that it would lead to armed clashes. Reuters





GMA seeks bigger role ...

Global crusade

Talks on new trade accord

Bush: I want it

Favila's side

Agreement in phases



RP a middle-income economy, boasts GMA

Per capita income: $1,480

P1-B for classrooms

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OPINION

High blood

EDITORIAL



An idiotic idea

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

Warning

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

'May you have enough wealth to meet your needs, and enough poverty to learn hard work'

The mystery ailment of Ed Mañalac

Reveille



Ramon J. Farolan

The things you miss

At Large



Rina Jimenez-David

The intellectual is political

Public Lives



Randy David

In cold blood

Rebel Without A Clue



Patricia Evangelista

TALK of the TOWN

ECONOMISTS ASSESS TRADE DEAL

JPEPA could spur growth, cut poverty

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSED JAPAN-PHILIPPINES ECONOMIC Partnership Agreement have focused on provisions that would allow hazardous and toxic waste from Japan to find their way into the Philippines.

Environmentalists claim that the deal, which President Macapagal-Arroyo and then Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi signed on Sept. 9, would turn the Philippines into a new dump for toxic waste from Japan.

"We're sending them healthy bodies, (caregivers) and nurses who will take care of their health, and what do we get? Poison," said Mitzi Sison, Green Initiative Inc. chief executive officer.

The Basel Action Network urged the Senate, which is tasked with ratifying treaties, to reject the trade pact unless toxic waste materials were removed from the list of products that could be brought to the Philippines.

Economists offer a different view, saying that the deal has sufficient provisions to protect the environment and prevent any illegal trade in toxic waste. Besides, there are existing import controls and regulations on trade in hazardous waste.

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies says that the deal could spur economic growth and reduce poverty incidence in the country because it includes measures that seek to bring about the smooth movement of people, capital and information that go beyond the traditional trade in goods and services.



The benefits could range from 1.7 percent to 3.3 percent in GDP growth if potential foreign investment inflows and productivity gains arising from JPEPA materialize

Potential gains, opportunities

Market opening for goods

Market access for services

Cooperation areas

Environmental issues

Curbing trade in toxic waste

Regulatory capacity

Impact on growth, poverty

Across the NATION

EU, US execs renew peace commitment



GUIDING LIGHT

SULTAN KUDARAT, Maguindanao—European Union and US officials met with ranking leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) here on Thursday and expressed their commitment to the peace process, a senior rebel leader said yesterday.



Troops, Moro rebs clash in N. Cotabato

Another Bayan Muna member killed as group remembers death of Sorsogon head

Baguio to pattern Burnham Park after New York Central Park

Summer capital prepares for 100th year in 2009



Reyes asks mining investors to reach out to communities





LANTERN SEASON

Metals to be obsolete due to technology



INQUIRER Mindanao

AIDS awareness effort binds 2 women

By Julie S. Alipala
Zamboanga City

THEY HUGGED EACH other so tight they could be mistaken for long lost sisters.



Text mates

Underreported

> 'I really wanted to meet persons like me. I feel alone in this advocacy...'

Media training



Big bike enthusiasts lead way in mission for peace

DAVAO CITY—THEY MIGHT look like villains in movies but the dozens of burly men in leather jackets, who recently arrived here, are actually prominent persons in Indonesia, Malaysia or Brunei.

Pacquiao heavily favored by Vegas bookmakers

Keeping his money

Breaking point

Even Eddie Murphy is betting on Pacman

A hero's welcome, win or lose

History in the making

Bad blood

Back to Papa

Sunday SPORTS

Kings rip Realtors in Palawan

By Musong R. Castillo

Tiger birdies last hole, shares Dunlop lead

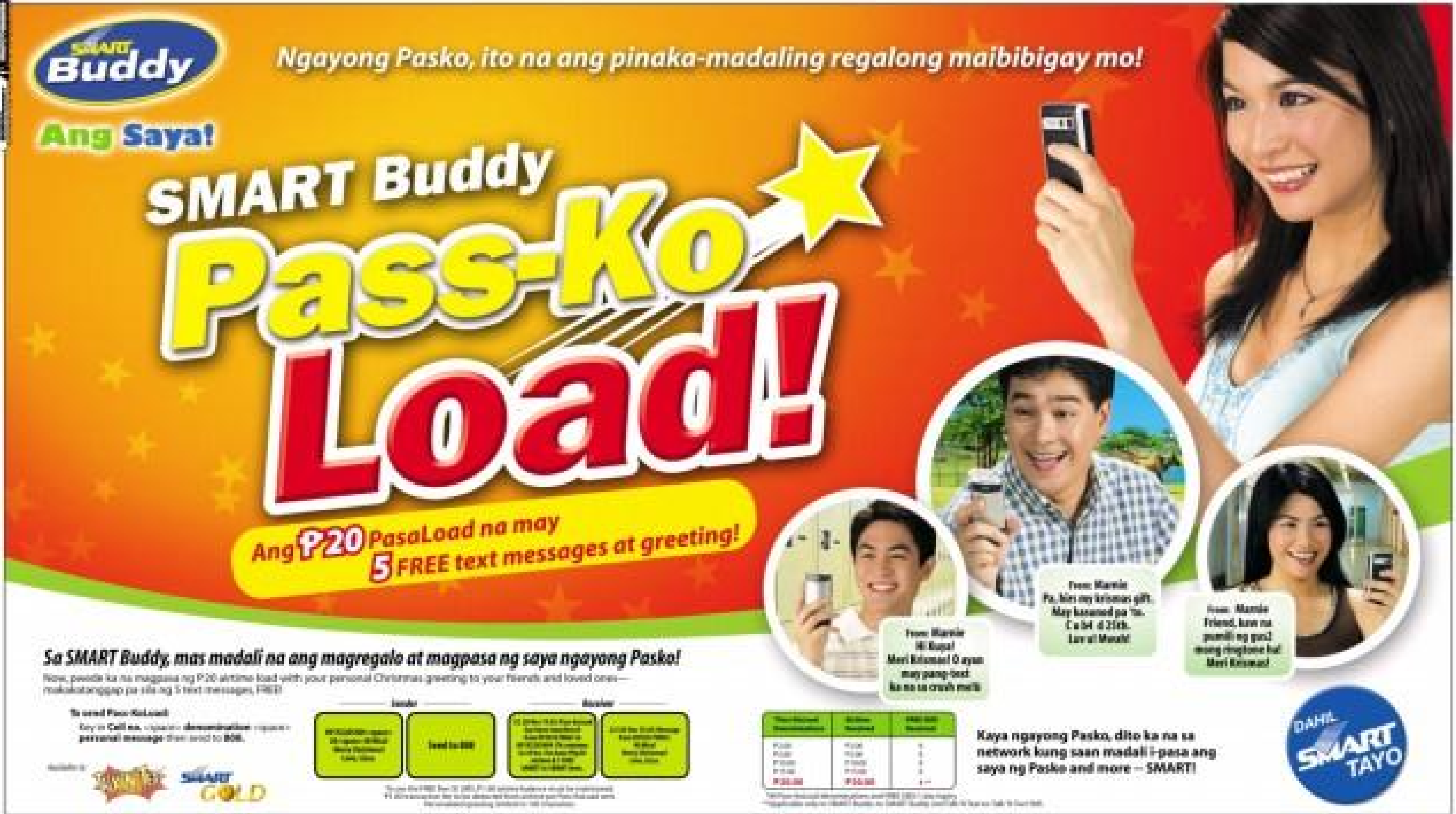


Late Sports

More Sports stories on A25-A28

Beermen face Pals minus Seigle




SMART Buddy
Ang Saya!
Ngayong Pasko, ito na ang pinaka-madaling regalong maibibigay mo!
SMART Buddy
Pass-Ko-Load!
Ang ₱20 PasaLoad na may
5 FREE text messages at greeting!
From: Marnie
Hi Kuya!
Meri Krismas! O ayan
may pang-text
ka na sa crush mo!
From: Marnie
Pa, lais my krismas gift.
May kasunod pa 'to.
C u b4 d 25th.
Luv u! Mwah!
From: Marnie
Friend, kaw na
pumili ng gus2
mong ringtone ha!
Meri Krismas!
Sa SMART Buddy, mas madali na ang magregalo at magpasa ng saya ngayong Pasko!
Kaya ngayong Pasko, dito ka na sa
network kung saan madali i-pasa ang
saya ng Pasko and more – SMART!
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A plus METRO



Historic pipe organ to delight music lovers again

2 men rob coffee shop in QC

GLOBAL Pinoy

Barrio bears scars of Israel-Hezbollah war

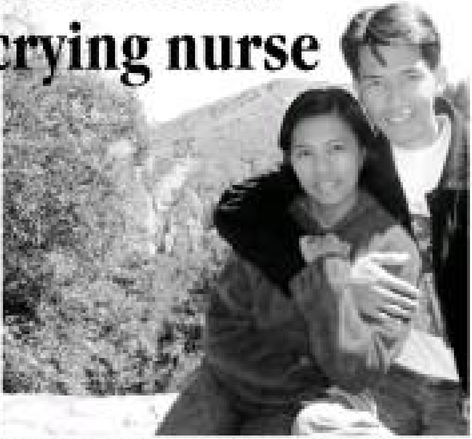


4 months later

Lured to come home

Poor Christmas OK

White Christmas for a crying nurse



FOR YEARS, SHE vowed not to leave the country no matter what happens. Through thick or thin, she would stay here, she promised herself.

Staying put



Kids sleeping

Text, video

If you must borrow

The WORLD

Dutch to ban wearing of Muslim veils



Veil or not to veil? Muslims face ancient question anew

S. Korea refuses to join full crackdown on North



HOUDINI POSTER

WORLDBRIEFS

Darfur conflict spreads as Annan announces deal

Tonga declares emergency after worst-ever riots

California's 'Freeway Slayer' could face death

World Toilet Day seeks clean restrooms

UN assembly presses Israel to withdraw from Gaza Strip

After 14 years, US lifts ban on silicone implants



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Sista rips Cebuana, shares PBL lead /A27

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■ Borromeo lifts RP booters past Cambodia /A28



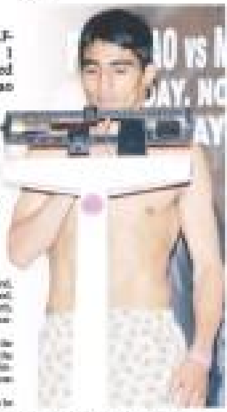
Morales looks anorexic, says M'weather Sr.

Pacquiao fighting-fit at 129 lbs.

By Francis Ochoa

LAS VEGAS — THE SELF-styled, self-professed No. 1 trainer in the world watched intently as Manny Pacquiao and Erik Morales took their turn on the weighing scale Friday afternoon at the Cox Concourse inside the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus.

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More stories in Late Sports on A19

Pagunsan in solo 2nd, 2 shots off Spaniard

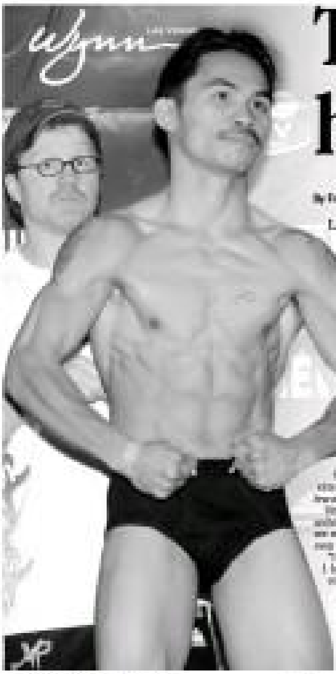
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PAGUNSAN: Four straight birdies after a double bogey-bogey mishap.

Pacquiao could lose only to himself?

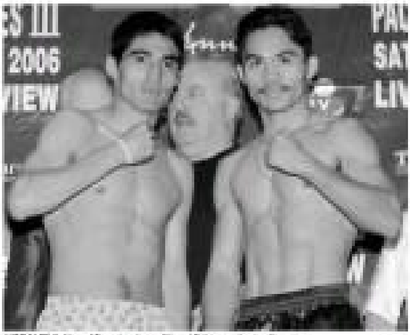
COMMENTARY



FILIPINO champ shows his superb form.

The Pacman seems healthier at 129

LAS VEGAS—ON THE EVE of fight night, just as the lights of this gambling and entertainment capital began illuminating its famous strip, Manny Pacquiao sat in the corner of his posh suite's living room with a relaxed glow in his face.



MORALES (left) and Pacquiao in traditional fight pose for cameramen.

Morales looks anorexic . . .



Viloria seeks WBC title again today



BRIAN Viloria: 108 lbs.



Fil-Am Diaz gains final vs Taiwanese

PCA Open: Arcilla leads first-round winners

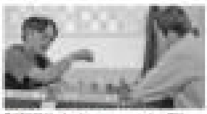
Shadow of Bata's smile

IN THE HUDDLE

Beth Celis



So stuns Paragua; top 2 seeds display class



Sista rips Cebuana, shares PBL lead



By Jasmine W. Payo

2 rhythmic bronze medals for RP gymnasts

SPORTSWATCH

P1-M Roligon derby draws more entries

Submission of weights for SJC 4-cocker up

Sunday SPORTS

Borromeo lifts RP booters past Cambodia



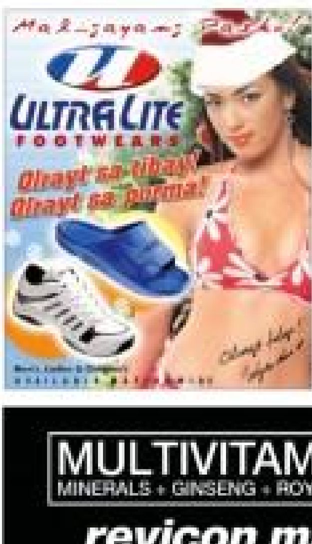
Knicks blast Shaq-less Miami Heat

Japan's Kobayashi clinches pole at Macau prix



SMB Classic highlights Marho Breeders' Cup







RACING TIPS
BY TOP CHOICE



IN THIS ISSUE

Sunday **Biz**
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino



Women who dared and succeeded

For this lady, money grows from weeds



BENJAMIN and Elena Valencia

Not much to go around

Dream comes true in her backyard



ANA JOSE

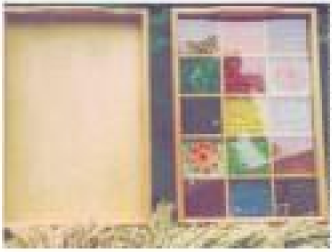
Firm up for sale but continues CSR work

Helping make 'stars' shine



George Ty ventures into hospitality business

For this lady, money grows . . .



Dream comes true . . .



Ginger flower treatment, anyone?

Foreign group taps local methods like hilot and dagdagay in its spas

WHY SING THE praises of Balinese architecture, Thai foot treatments, Ayurveda medicine and the Swedish massage when the Philippines has its own rich tradition in design and wellness treatments to shout about?



THE PHILIPPINES has its own rich tradition in design and wellness treatments to shout about.

Filipino wins Microsoft top award

Curiosity brings home a new venture





Sunday Biz

Filipino wins Microsoft top award



TEP MISA



Heritage in 'callado'

Lumban, Laguna is the town to go to for embroidery of the most exquisite kind

DUBBED AS THE EMBROIdery capital of the Philippines, Lumban hosts a treasure trove of natural talents, beauty and artistry. When it recently held the 5th Burdang Lumban Festival, the townsfolk once again displayed their renowned facility for this ancient craft.

Proud producers



Christmas with Barbie and her sisters





THE CAST of "Barbie in the 12 Dancing Princesses"

Holiday musical



Heritage . . .

Ideal destinations



Sunday LifeStyle

The spa that knocks on your door

Spaholics Home Spa brings a complete spa experience to your doorstep—music, candies and all

FRIENDS EMMA ROSE POLIcarpio, Bambi Engracing and Diane Manglapus have one thing in common—they adore spas. "We are certified, full-pledged spaholic divas," said Policarpio.



AN INSTANT spa right in your bedroom [illegible]



The Spa that knocks on your door

A SPA party by the pool is a specialty of Spaholic.

[illegible]

Spa in your home

[illegible]



EXOTIC [illegible]



TSA IS [illegible]

A spa diva's list of favorite spas

By Emma Rose Policarpio
Contributor

YES, I AM A CERTIFIED SPA-holic. I've managed to find a new meaning for this three-letter word. To me, S.P.A. stands for self-love, pampering and age management. For that, wish, shouldn't we all be spa-holics?

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As I have learned, each spa experience is unique and personal, each visit an adventure

Institute de Beaute at Hotel Ritz in Paris, France

[illegible]





Bulgari Spa at Bulgari Hotel in Milan, Italy

[illegible]

Onaous Spa at Ciragan Palace Kempinski Hotel in Istanbul

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Les Thermes Marins De Monte Carlo in Monte Carlo, Monaco

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GB Spa at Grande Bretagne in Athens, Greece

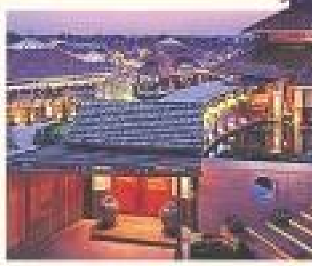
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The Chopra Center in Carlsbad, California, US

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Saloe Per Aquam Spa, Palazzo Versace Hotel in Goldcoast, Australia

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Chiva Som in Hua Hin, Thailand

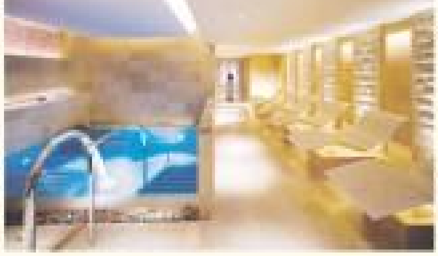
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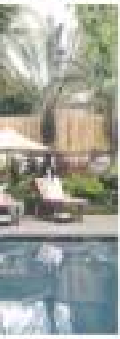




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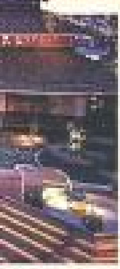






Spa party

Fair to showcase northern Philippines





Chi Spa Village at Shangri-La Mactan Island Resort and Spa in Cebu, Philippines





Cebu Cebu

GMA graces birthday of Cebu's first woman governor

OCT. 12 WAS VERY IMPORtant in Cebu as it was the birthday of its first woman governor, Gwendolyn Pilar Garcia. There was a Eucharistic celebration at the ballroom of the provincial capitol, followed by lunch.

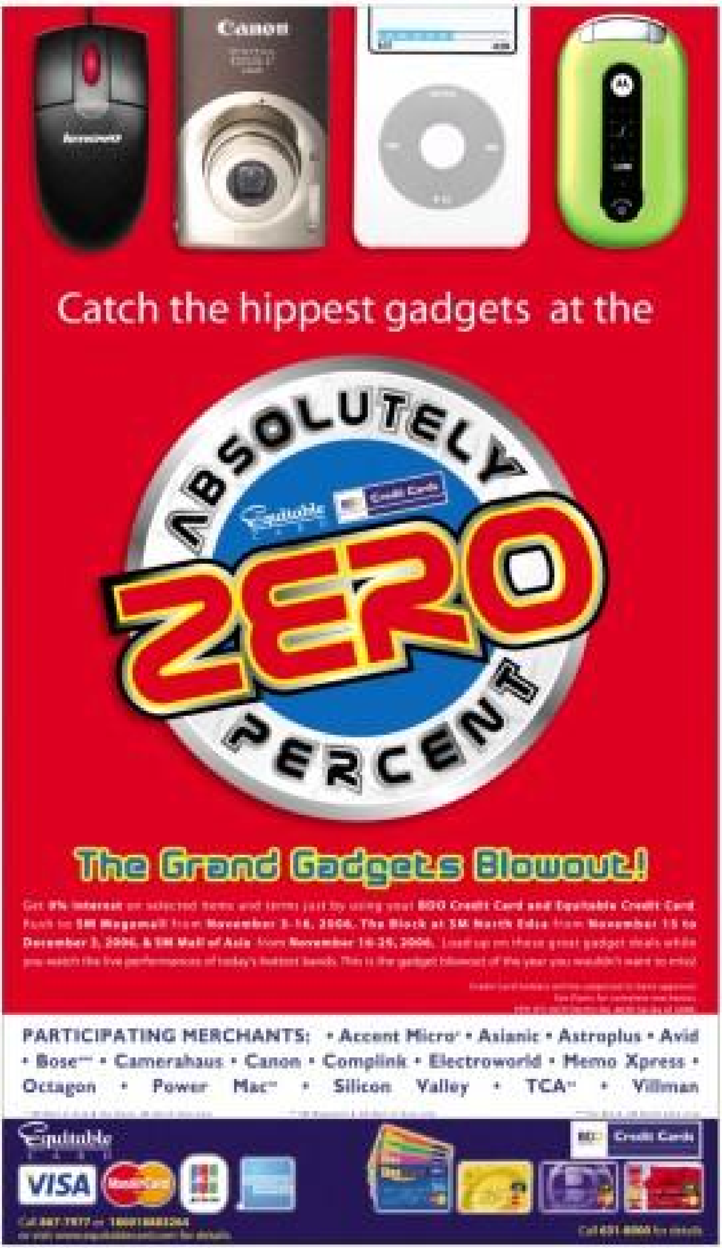
ARENAS-OCHOA NUPTIALS

Low-key but rose-colored wedding

Roberto J. Arenas and Kristine M. Ochoa profess the vows of love in an atmosphere of restrained splendor



Hot gadgets on a hot 0% event



Low-key but rose-colored wedding





THE GROOM and mother Baby Aranas



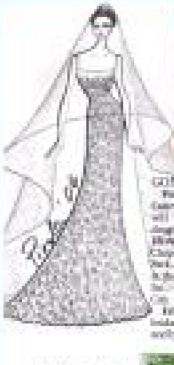








Milestones





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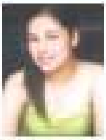


CONCEPCION-SILERIO









RAMOS DEBUT





TANG-ANGELES

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

Praying to stop abortion

Beginning

Visit

Award

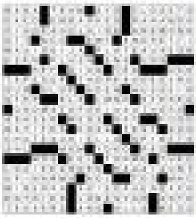
Feast

Book launch

TV show



ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



Desperately wanting to be a man

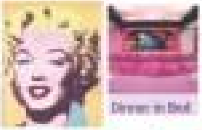
Emily's Post

Emily A. Marcelo

Sunday LifeStyle







If she's doing jewelry, can shoes be far behind?





CATALOGUE of the Met exhibit, "Americans in Paris"



THE BIG APPLE, IN SMALL BITES

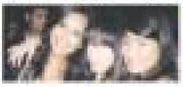
Ronnie Alejandro

Will Imelda Marcos shoes soon be coming to New York?











Express ride to party fun







Five-fold family Xmas promo





Harmony through five elements

TO UNDERSTAND *feng shui*, it is important to accept that all physical things, intangible energies, directions and seasons have attributes or elements that are mutually related to each other. The interaction among these elements creates harmony or discord in any area. The five are Fire, Water, Metal, Earth and Wood.

The Fire element is associated with the south and the color red. When activated in the south corners of a room or a house through bright lights, lava lamps, or lighted candles, it attracts upward chi energy that brings fame and recognition to the residents. The nature of the Fire element can be extremely powerful and must be tempered.

The Water element is associated with the north and is represented by black or blue colors. Anything that represents this element, such as dark-blue carpets and curtains and predominantly blue cushions, activates the career corners of any room. The best method of energizing this element is to place an aquarium with good luck fish like carp, goldfish and guppies. A small fountain or any water feature in the north sector brings career luck.

The Wood element symbolizes expansion, as depicted by springtime when plants start to grow; thus, it is associated with the color dark green. It represents the East and the southeast directions of the house. Activating the wood sections of the house brings good fortune especially to those born in the years of the Tiger or the Rabbit. Use all kinds of plants, except dried ones or those with thorns or pointed leaves.

The Earth element governs the southwest and the northeast sectors, as well as the center of the house. Enhancing the Earth element in these places creates great harmony of energies. The center, especially, brings good fortune to the whole family and fosters good relationships among siblings. Crystals are excellent symbols of this element. Place them in the southwest to energize romance luck or in the northeast to enhance educational success.



THE SECRET behind feng shui is creating balance to achieve harmony.

Finally, the Metal element magnifies the energies of the northwest and west sectors. The best representation of this element is a pot of gold. Leftover coins placed in a metal container also increases the flow of energies within the home. Metal is also associated with gold and silver, both symbols of wealth and prosperity. The best objects to use to enhance the Metal element are the three old Chinese coins tied in red ribbon. They can be used in several ways to attract positive income.

In using these elements for luck enhancement, one should be mindful that there is too much of one single element in any given place. The secret behind *feng shui*, it must be stressed, is creating balance to achieve harmony in our surroundings.

Today's trivia question:

What element is associated with the color dark green? A) Metal B) Fire C) Wood D) Earth

Inquirer readers will have a chance to win exciting prizes through the text trivia promo "168 Feng Shui Prizes to Win," in cooperation with World of Feng Shui (WOFS) and Smart Telecommunications.

The promotion is in line with the forthcoming Philippine Feng Shui Extravaganza 2007 on Jan. 27, 2007, hosted by WOFS Philippines. It will feature world-renowned feng shui expert Lillian Too and Philippine feng shui expert Marites Allen.

To join, Smart subscribers simply have to submit a one-time registration by keying in WOFS REG <name/age/gender> (Ex. WOFS REG <Maria G./25/F) and sending it to 289. Only one registration per mobile number will be allowed.

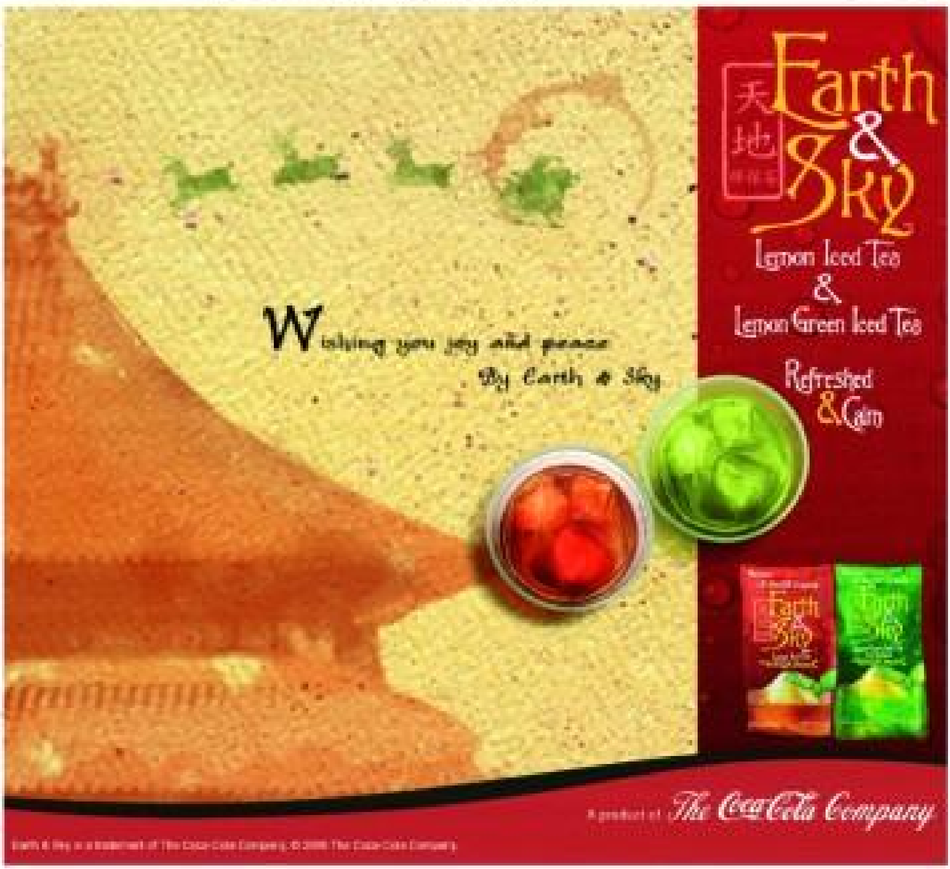
To send an entry, subscribers simply have to choose from four possible answers to the question of the day. Call 9143988, 9145080, 0920-9500990; or visit WOFS at 2F Lilia Bernal ... Manila.

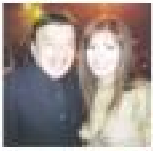


THE WORLD of Feng Shui (WOFS) opens the possibilities of good luck and pleasant fortune as opens its fourth branch in The Fort (Serendra, Bonifacio Global City). WOFS offers an extensive feng shui consultation and serves as a portal for everything that has to do with the fabulous living skill of feng shui. At the opening are fashion guru Rhea Peña, Nabby, Mae ... Gloria Chua, Marites Allen, WOFS Philippines franchise president and CEO, and Carol ...









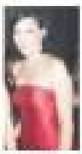






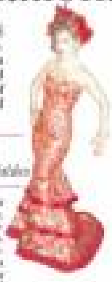
May our national run of good luck con



EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE coming up roses these days. All the current pessimism about the country has been pushed offstage with the emergence of world-class Filipinos like World Pool champion Ronnie Alcano.

Tessa!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes



From the pool halls to the fashion malls to the boxing ring, the smell of roses is in the air. Go Filipino!



Sunday Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo **SIX IN A ROW**









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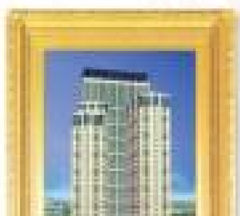




...dership strategies for school managers







ENTERTAINMENT



MELANIE Marquez at PDI office, telling her story.

Baguio to launch a star walk of fame

Melanie: But I'm just an endorser

COULD A MERE PRODUCT endorser be liable for copyright infringement and false representation?



TomKat wedding 'likely' today in old castle near Rome



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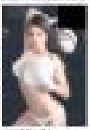
Melanie: But I'm just ...

Surprise endorsers, calendar girls, plus who wants to go on 'Dancing with the Stars'

RUSHES

Ginebra models

Young and old



ANGELICA PANGANIBAN



SOPHIA LOREN

Christmas ID

Basil's gift



Crowe, vulnerable!

Me, too!



EFREN "Bata" Reyes, Ana Roces, Amanda Griffin, Carlene Aguilar, James Yap and Rico Blanco



JUDY Ann Santos, Susan Roces, Dolphy and Maricel Soriano



KC CONCEPCION

Bruce Parry goes native in 'Tribe'

Viewfinder



Nestor U. Torre

He ate and slept with his new 'family' in the tribe

Roundup

Music fest winner



JIMMY MARQUEZ

Online poll

'Amerika Atin'

'Midsomer Murders'

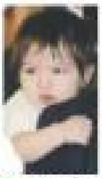
Private space explorer tells her story on CNN

By Anousheh Ansari

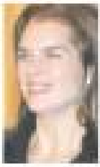
FIRST PERSON



ANOUSHEH Ansari



TOMKAT Baby Suri



BROOKE SHIELDS

TomKat wedding...











LITTLE Ms. and Mr. [illegible]

'Dora,' the musical

Kid Fit

NICKELODEON PRESENTS THE ADVENtures of "Dora the Explorer" in a live musical—the very first in the Philippines—entitled "Dora's Sing-along Fiesta," for this Christmas.

Starring Nick's 7-year-old heroine and her monkey best friend, Boots, the show promises fun learning in a play-along format.

The show is set at the [illegible] (Nov. 17 to 19), Market! Market! (Nov. 23 to 26), Alabang Town Center (Dec. 1 to 3) and Glorietta (Dec. 8 to 10).

[illegible] can expect lots of singing and games. The musical also features [illegible] Swiper and the big Red Chicken.

"Dora the Explorer" is a half-hour animated children's television series on Nick Jr., the preschool block on Nickelodeon.

Little Mr. and Ms.

The search for Little Mr. and Ms. [illegible] 2006 was concluded recently. In photo are the winners [illegible]



DORA the Explorer

ENTERTAINMENT



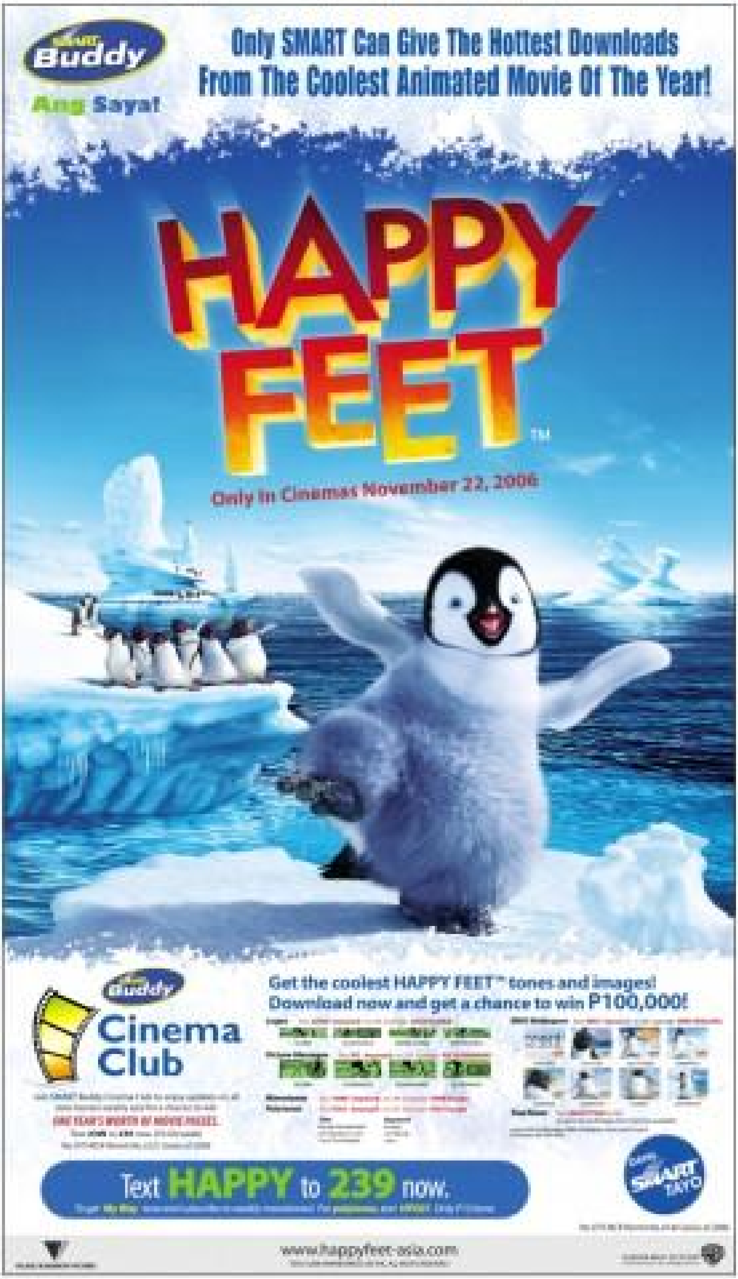
AI finalist is powerful in 'Dreamgirls' and the new James Bond, part 2

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

Beloved secret agent





Cute—very, very cute

Review

Breathtakingly grand

Refreshing for adults

AI finalist is powerful . . .



CRAIG with steady date Satsuki Mitchell arrive for the world premiere of "Casino Royale" in London on Tuesday.

Do you see James Bond as a hero?

That's really the hardest question because I had some odd ...







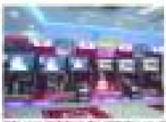
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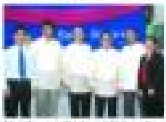








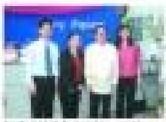


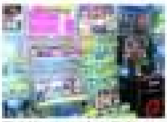


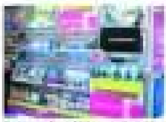






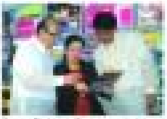














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